



Rev. J. P. Mahaffy, D.D., C.V.D., etc.

Date

1905

Primary Maker

Sir William Orpen

Medium

Oil on canvas

Dimensions

74 x 62.2 cm

Description

This is a half-length portrait of a man, the Rev. J.P. Mahaffy (1839-1919). Mahaffy was a scholar and senior fellow at Trinity College Dublin and received a doctorate in Music. He was author of many works on Ancient Greece

and other subjects. He became Provost of Trinity in 1914. In 1901 Hugh Lane became fired with the idea of creating a modern art gallery in Dublin and he commissioned John Butler Yeats to paint a series of portraits of distinguished Irishmen and later Sir William Orpen continued the task adding portraits including this one. All of Orpen's portraits commissioned by Lane were presented to the Gallery.